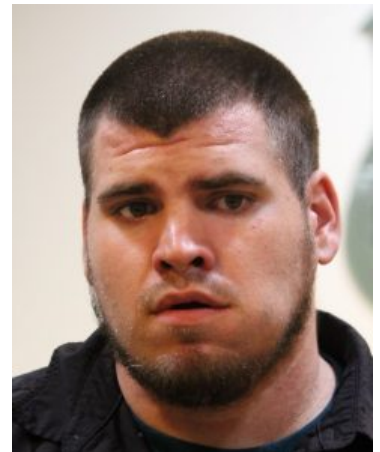


# **DNREC Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police arrest two men for multiple turkey poaching and other violations**

**FARMINGTON** – A DNREC Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police investigation into turkey poaching led to the April 12 arrest of two Delaware men for multiple violations that occurred near Farmington in Kent County.



Josiah Richardson

Josiah Richardson, 25, of Georgetown, was charged with one count each of conspiracy 3rd degree; illegal method of take; hunting wild turkeys out of season; hunting wild turkeys during prohibited hours; hunting wild turkeys without an approved course of instruction; failure to wear camouflage clothing while hunting wild turkey; possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle; hunting from a vehicle; shooting within 15 yards of a public roadway; and unlicensed hunting.



Todd Ellers

Todd Ellers, 19, of Harrington, was charged with one count each of conspiracy 3rd degree; hunting wild turkeys out of season; hunting wild turkeys during prohibited hours; hunting wild turkeys without an approved course of instruction; failure to wear camouflage clothing while hunting wild turkey; possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle; hunting from a vehicle; and possession of drug paraphernalia – marijuana-related.

Both Richardson and Ellers were arraigned at Justice of the Peace Court 7 in Dover and released on their own recognizance, pending future court appearances in the Kent County Court of Common Pleas.

As a result of the arrests, a .22 caliber rifle was seized from Richardson as evidence.

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